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SUBJECT:ISRAELI CARGOES THROUGH THE CANAL

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FROM UNDER SECRETARY TO AMBASSADOR

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTTEL, I TELEPHONED DINITZ TO TELL HIM THAT, AT SECRETARY'S INSTRUCTIONS, I WANTED HIM TO KNOW USG DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER PUBLICITY REGARDING ISRAELI CARGO THROUGH SUEZ. WE THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT MATTER WAS TO BE KEPT QUIET. I TOLD DINITZ HE MUST LET HIS GOVERNMENT KNOW WE VIEW THIS AS AN UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT AND WE HOPE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO SHUT OFF FURTHER PUBLICITY OF THIS KIND.

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2. DINITZ, BY WAY OF JUSTIFICATION, REFERRED TO OPPOSITION

IN KNESSET AND TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC ASSURANCE
IT WOULD NOT IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT WITHOUT PASSAGE OF CARGO
THROUGH SUEZ. HE CONCLUDED HE WOULD CONVEY MY REMARKS TO
HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. YOU CAN TELL FAHMY OF THIS CONVERSATION IF YOU THINK IT
WOULD BE USEFUL IN CALMING HIM DOWN OVER ISSUE. INGERSOLL

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